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LETTER DATED 7 SEPTEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BELGIUM TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the French and English texts of the statement on Nagorny Karabakh issued by the European Community and its member States on 6 September 1993.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English/French]

Statement on Nagorny Karabakh
(Brussels, 8 September 1993)

The Community and its member States condemn the recent offensives by local Armenian forces in Nagorny Karabakh, which are making deeper and deeper incursions into Azerbaijani territory. They note with regret that such actions are extending the area of armed conflict to encompass more and more of Azerbaijani territory and are creating a very serious refugee problem in Azerbaijan and one already involving neighbouring countries, with a concomitant increased threat to regional security. The Community and its member States reaffirm their support for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the States in the region.

The Community and its member states fully support the efforts being made by the Minsk Group within the framework of the CSCE to consolidate the provisional cease-fire decided on 31 August 1993 between the Nagorny Karabakh authorities and the Azerbaijan Government. They urge both parties to embark on any form of additional dialogue which would make it possible to implement the timetable on which there was agreement in principle by all parties at the end of June.

The Community and its member States also hope to see local Armenian forces in Nagorny Karabakh fully respect United Nations Security Council resolutions 822 (1993) and 853 (1993), and withdraw from the regions of Kelbadjar, Agdam, Fizouli and Djebrail. The Community and its member States have no evidence that Azerbaijan would be capable of initiating major attacks from these regions.

The Community and its member States call on the Government of the Republic of Armenia to use its decisive influence over the Armenians of Nagorny Karabakh to see that they comply with Security Council resolutions 822 (1993) and 853 (1993) and the proposals of the CSCE Minsk Group. The Community and its member States call upon Armenia to ensure that the local Armenian forces carrying out offensives in Azerbaijan territory are not given the material means of further extending such offensives.